Toddy shops in the State.

44. **Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the total number of toddy shops in each Taluk in the State;

(b) the amount accrued by the sale of toddy shops in each Taluk in the State?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—

(a)	Kanayannur	69
	Cochin	62
	Cranganur	10
	Mukundapuram	71
	Trichur	58
	Talappalli	62
	Chittur	35
	Total	367
		Rs.
(b)	Kanayannur	88,780
	Cochin	96,820
	Cranganur	9,810
	Mukundapuram	1,11,790
	Trichur	1,67,250
	Talappalli	35,970
	Chittur	22,585

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Will the Government try to reduce the number of shops by slow degrees?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—We are reducing the number of shops.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Do they follow any fixed policy?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—There is a fixed policy for the reduction.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—As regards the reduction of the number of shops, do they follow any percentage system in every year?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—It is not possible to depend upon a percentage of reduction. We may find in certain places that shops cannot be reduced.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—That is, if there are no one to carry on a shop in a particular locality, you won't allow to open a shop there.

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—If the Government wish to encourage the goal of prohibition, they must reduce the number of shops every year on a fixed percentage basis.

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—We are reducing the number of shops every year both arrack and toddy. Our policy also is gradual prohibition.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Are the Government reducing it voluntarily or is it by compulsion acting under outside forces?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Voluntary certainly.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is the number less than the number of the previous year?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Certainly.

Trade Union Bill.

45. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government give an account of the progress they have made with their Trade Union Bill?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—The Bill is in the Select Committee stage.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know Sir, the day when this bill was sent to the Select Committee?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I do not know the exact date, but it was during the last year of the life of the last Council.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know Sir, why no motion about this bill was moved in the last Legislative Session?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—The Select Committee was not able to report before that time.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What was the stipulation to the Select Committee? In what period of time was it asked to report to the Council?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—It might have been a short interval of time hoping that the Committee would be able to report before the life of the Council was over.

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